



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes December 8, 2015

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The Commission for Women meets the second Tuesday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm. The public is invited.

The Commission for Women is a program of the Frederick County Government

Commissioners Present: Annie Jones, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Sharon Dobson, Rosario Campos, Adrijana Parsell, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Evelyn Stephenson, Shellome Walters, and Constance Baptist

Commissioners Absent: Christine Ferguson, Chloe Scott, Nina Carr, and Whitney Duck

Guests: Theresa Smith, Marnica Johnson (CFW Intern), Diana Carrillo (CFW Intern), Valerie Dougherty, Janice Brown, Maura Page, Paula del Valle Torres, Karen Czapanskiy, Rochelle Kithcarf Azhar Haq and Sylvia Stanford (speakers).

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. A quorum was present at this time.

I. Executive Committee Report

- Guests in attendance acknowledge, introduction of guests and commissioners.
- Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- Guest Speakers: Azhar Haq, President, Youth for Human Rights and Sylvia Stanford. A presentation was given about this organization. The main focus is to teach students about human rights in order to prevent children from becoming victims. It was noted that schools where this material is taught are seeing a decrease in bullying. There was a discussion on human trafficking.
- **Financial Update** Treasurer is working with the county on the discrepancy with the phone bill. There was discussion on how to handle funds received from private individuals. The county attorney provided input prior to the meeting and the information will be added to our records.

II. Old Business

- a. Voter Registration Class** was cancelled and will be rescheduled in the new year.
- b. Interns** Diana Carrillo's internship has been completed and she was thanked for her service. Paula del Valle Torres will be the Winter Break intern. Marnica Johnson will continue with her internship through the Spring Semester.
- c. SheLeads** 15 students are enrolled in this program. The next time the program is offered, it may be held after school due to time constraints. The students will be invited to the Leadership Alliance Dinner as guests of the Commission. Sponsorships will be solicited to cover the cost.
Human Trafficking Committee will meet on Monday, December 13, 2015 at the Commission office.
- d. Human Trafficking Event**
The CFW partnered with the Human Relations Commission and Heartly House to host a presentation titled, "Innocence Stolen- Protecting Our Children Online" by Vincent DiVivo of the United States Attorney's Office on November 17th at Governor Thomas Jonson High School. Approximately 60 people were in attendance.
- e. MLAW Conference** Treasurer Stephenson attended the MLAW Conference in November and gave an update of the presentations.

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III. New Business

a. Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present

- i. Human Trafficking Survivor Seminar sponsored by FCC on April 20, 2016.

b. Holiday Activities and Sponsorships

- i. Sponsorship of a family from Heartly House. Donations will be contributed by individual Commissioners/volunteers and will not use FCCFW funds. Shellome volunteered to coordinate.
- ii. Centro Hispano Holiday Party, meet at 3:00pm.

IV. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm and the Commission went into closed session to discuss a new application.

Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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